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The Khmer Communists are continuing to put pressure on several small government positions near the west bank of the Mekong River some ten miles northeast of Phnom Penh. A government clearing operation in that area thus far has made little headway. Farther to the north, government troops from Lovek have retaken a position on the west bank of the Tonle Sap river lost last week to the insurgents.

In the far southwest, the Communists are keeping up their heavy shellings of the isolated government garrison at Kompong Seila on Route 4. The Cambodian Army relief force that is moving down the highway toward Kompong Seila

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is still about 20 miles from the town. In the northwestern province of Battambang insurgent troops still encircle a village 15 miles west of Battambang City.